

**METHOD OF SIMULTANEOUSLY ENHANCING ANALGESIC
POTENCY AND ATTENUATING DEPENDENCE LIABILITY CAUSED
BY MORPHINE AND OTHER BIMODALLY-ACTING OPIOID AGONISTS**

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Abstract of the Disclosure

10 This invention relates to a method for selectively
enhancing the analgesic potency of a bimodally-acting opioid
agonist such as morphine and simultaneously attenuating anti-
analgesia, hyperalgesia, hyperexcitability, physical
15 dependence and/or tolerance effects associated with the
administration of the bimodally-acting opioid agonist. The
method of the present invention comprises administering to a
subject an analgesic or sub-analgesic amount of a bimodally-
acting opioid agonist such as morphine and an amount of an
20 excitatory opioid receptor antagonist such as naltrexone or
nalmeffene effective to enhance the analgesic potency of the
bimodally-acting opioid agonist and attenuate the anti-
analgesia, hyperalgesia, hyperexcitability, physical
dependence and/or tolerance effects of the bimodally-acting
opioid agonist.

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